

POOL SEASON IS HERE LET'S POOL SAFELY

The Building Department wants to remind you about the importance of pool safety. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that each year about 300 children under 5 years old drown in swimming pools. 75 percent of the children involved in swimming pool submersion or drowning accidents were between 1 and 3 years old. Most of the victims were being supervised by one or both parents when the swimming pool accident occurred. Nearly half of the victims were last seen in the house before the pool incident. So how can you prevent a tragedy? By providing proper pool barriers and alarms. See the Building Dept website for a complete list of Code compliant barriers.

How do you know if your swimming pool requires a barrier and alarm? By State Building Code definition a swimming pool is any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground, inflatable and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. **This includes the ready to assemble pools you purchase at your local discount stores.** Pools also need to be permitted and inspected to ensure they are safe and code compliant.

For a detailed list of code requirements and further information on pool safety visit the [Building Dept.](#) website or contact our office at 203 452 5020 or 203 452 5021 Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4 pm.

